

**VERNON ARTS COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of March 5, 2012**

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**Commissioners (C) & Associates (A) Present:**

Irma Carter (C)                      Melissa Ralston-Jones (A)  
Judy Grosskortenhaus (A)        Lori Robeau (C)  
Bobbie Orne (C)                    Ginny Rogala (C)  
Lisa Ouellette (C)

**Guests:**

Janiene Gelineau  
Sergey Nikitin

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Acting Chair Lori Robeau. New VAC Commissioner Lisa Ouellette was welcomed. Two guests were acknowledged and welcomed.

**Minutes:** A motion was made & seconded to accept the February, 2012 as circulated. Unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

<b>Town Account (as of 3/5/12)</b>	<b>\$7,393.72</b>
<b>FVAC Account</b>	<b>\$1,164.01</b>
Expense: 12 badges for VAC Commissioners	57.43
Income: 1 FVAC dues	10.00

A motion was made & seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Unanimously approved.

A belated request from VCMS for \$500 for art program (as funded through VAC budget for School Arts programs) was received. Unanimously approved. Irma queried Diane Luddecke re: VAC fundraising mailing with use of town bulk rate. Luddecke will advise.

**Old Business:**

- Three VAC members met with the mayor in response to his request. Outcome: 2012 VAC budget request was not approved but mayor agreed to fund VAC at 2011 budget rate.
- Motion made & seconded to approve 3 revised forms: 1) Requests for Funding Information & Guidelines plus Procedure for Payment/Reimbursement Form; 2) Application Form for Associate VAC Members; and 3) Friends of VAC Membership-Recruitment letter. Unanimously approved.
- It was reported that the "grand opening" of the VCAC will likely be in June, 2012 & a day-long program is being planned.
- Bobbie reported that a RHS student VAC rep. was further discussed with Jill Goldberg. An open letter-invitation to be a student-VAC rep will be sent to and circulated by Goldberg at RHS this spring.
- Bill's (potential) Veterans for the Arts Program was tabled until next month.
- VAC website was discussed. A motion was made & seconded "to establish a free, free-standing VAC website." Unanimously approved.

Currently, VAC has a page on the Town of Vernon website. All VAC members are asked to bring ideas and information to the April meeting so a timely decision can be made.

- It was reported that the BOA Gallery will likely not be possible at this time. The original BOA contact has left the bank and there has been no response to a VAC request for further discussion.
- Irma reported the RHS Scholarship-in-the-Arts evaluation forms will be available in March.
- A reminder of the next VAC Artist's Forum to be held on Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Mitchell's at 7 PM was announced. All VAC members are urged to attend.

**New Business:**

- There was a request for funding from Lori on behalf of the VCAC to support opening day programs. A motion was made & seconded to approve the request for up to \$1600. Unanimously approved.
- A newspaper "ad" re: Congratulations to those involved with the Vernon Student Art Show (held during the month of March at RPL) was unanimously approved - using the same format as last year. Irma will contact Claudia re: publicity.
- Irma has agreed to be VAC Membership Chair when her term as Treasurer is completed.
- The Long Term Planning Discussion Group will meet on Monday, May 21 at Judy's home at 6:30 PM. Please let her know if you are unable to attend.
- Lori and Melissa will provide further information and ask for VAC input re: DECD's grant program at next meeting.

**The next VAC meeting will be held on Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM. The Acting Chair will be Lori. Please send items you wish to put on the agenda to her.**

Respectively Submitted,  
Bobbie Orne, Secretary